

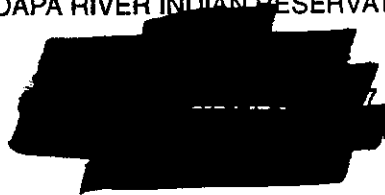
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From: Philbert Swain, Chairman
Moapa Band of Paiutes
Re: Comments on the
Caliente Rail Corridor Environmental Impact Statement

Ms. Sweeney,

Please allow me to first of all give the tribe's official position statement:

"The Moapa Band of Paiutes is opposed to the siting of a Geological Repository at Yucca Mountain, Nevada and the transportation to such a facility."

The following are some points that we feel that the U.S. Department of Energy should address in the Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Caliente Rail Corridor.

- The Moapa Band of Paiutes wish to become a Cooperating Agency in this matter.
- The Department of Energy should do a comprehensive study of Native American Cultural and Archeological sites along/in the "Corridor".
- A good recent study that had been done is the one for the "Transportation of Low Level Waste to the Nevada Test Site".
- The Caliente Rail Corridor should be the width of the corridor that was conducted for the Nevada Test Site.
- The study should be conducted by the tribes that will be impacted (Southern Paiute, Western Shoshone, Owens Valley Paiute as well as the Mojave tribe).
- Will there be any consultation with those Southern Paiutes that inhabit the Caliente area?

Thank you for taking the time in addressing these issues. If you have any further questions on the above mentioned comments feel free to call me at (702) 865-2787 or you may call the tribal Environmental Coordinator Calvin Meyers at (702) 865-2077.

Philbert Swain, Chairman
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